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Dear Mike:

This is in response to your request for material that would support this Office's contention that our proposed letter on the Export Administration Act (EEA) requires Office of Management and Budget (OMB) OMB clearance before being submitted to the Congressional conferees. Enclosed is OMB Circular A-19, which sets forth requirements for legislative coordination. Subsection 7(a) of that Circular requires that before an agency transmits a proposed report outside the Executive Branch, it shall submit the proposed report to OMB for coordination and clearance. Subsection 5(e) defines a "report" as any written expression of official views prepared by an agency on a pending bill for transmittal to any committee, Member, officer or employee of Congress. Clearly, our proposed letter to the Congressional Conference Committee considering the EEA fits within the definition of a "report" contained within the OMB Circular. Therefore, it is my opinion that we must obtain OMB clearance before sending our views letter to the Hill.

I have been assured by Tracy Lawler at OMB that clearance for our letter can be done within 24 hours if no other federal agency raises an objection. I intend to submit the letter for clearance by 27 April provided that DCI approval is obtained by that date.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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